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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully submit that the response filed 10/03/2006 with the Patent Office effectively addressed the restriction and/or election requirement required by the Examiner. That is, the Examiner, by way of the present Office Action has suggested, in addition to selecting either the *apparatus* claims (i.e., claims 1-17) or the *method* claims (i.e., claims 18-20), the need to also “choose between one of the following groups:

- 1a. Claims 2, 4, 8 and 10-12, drawn to one or more socket connectors; and
- 1b. Claims 3, 5-7, 13-16, 19 and 20, drawn to a jack connector.

In response, and with reference to Applicants' response of 10/03/2006, Applicants respectfully note that the required election was previously made in that claims 2, 4, 8 and 10-12 (i.e., apparatus claims depending from claim 1 and/or claim 9) along with any newly added claims drawn to the same species were provisionally elected, *with traverse*, to be prosecuted, with Applicants reserving the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim(s) in divisional or other continuing application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that **Group 1** (i.e., claims 1-17 or apparatus claims) and **Group 1a** (i.e., claims 2, 4, 8 and 10-12) were previously elected, *with traverse*, for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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